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LINTON PARISH COUNCIL

Bromsash Gorsley and Linton

**Minutes Of The Meeting Held On August 11th 2008
In Gorsley Village Hall at 7:30 pm**

Present:

- Cllr Jean Foley, Chairman
- Cllr Ken Downham, Vice-Chairman
- Cllr Andrew Gardner
- Cllr Phil Page
- Cllr Michael Cluley
- Cllr Max Gough
- Cllr Lin Billinger
- Cllr Laura Cluley

Annette Steele (Clerk)

6 Parishioners, Parish Footpaths Officer-Richard Baker & Community Support Officer Paul Leighton attended

Minute Item	Action
<p>1</p> <p>1.1 Apologies Cllrs Jackie Gough & Margaret Pearce</p>	
<p>2</p> <p>2.2 Declarations of Interest None</p>	
<p>3</p> <p>3.1 Minutes of the Meeting Held on 9th June 2008 These were accepted with one change and duly signed by the Chairman. Item 17.1-alter date from August 8th to August 11th.</p>	
<p>4</p> <p>4.1 Matters arising therefrom not covered in the Agenda Items 12.3-The reply from Andrew Lee-Jones at CHDC advised that they would look into the problem of HGV's following unsuitable routes due to Sat Nav's.</p> <p>4.2 Item 15.1-The Clerk was advised by CHDC on June 27th that Amey would be carrying out the work within the next week. This was not done and the Clerk has now been advised that it will be done as soon as practical.</p> <p>4.3 Post Office Closures-The Clerk will receive confirmation from CHDC on August 27th as to which Post Offices will be closing. The Clerk will advise all Cllrs.</p>	The Clerk
<p>5</p> <p>5.1 Community Support Officer CSO Paul Leighton advised that CSO Colin Davis has now moved to Worcester and that he will be replaced by CSO Lisa Austin.</p> <p>He asked if parishioners could let him have their e-mail addresses so that West Mercia Police can advise everyone more quickly of incidents that are being reported. The Clerk will e-mail those parishioners on the parish list and will also supply a list of Cllrs e-mail addresses as agreed.</p> <p>5.2 Outbuildings are still being broken into and garden equipment stolen. Scrap metal is also being targeted. People are being urged to use the Smart water system of DNA</p>	The Clerk

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- identification on their valuables-details can be obtained from West Mercia Police.
- 5.3 Unmarked Police cars using vehicle recognition equipment are being used in the area.
- 5.4 Parishioners are urged to check their oil tanks regularly to ensure that theft of oil hasn't taken place.
- 6**
- Joint Meeting with G&K Parish Council**
- 6.1 The next joint meeting will be held on December 3rd at 8:00pm in the small meeting room at Gorsley Village Hall.
- 6.2 Further to the meeting at Gorsley Goffs School, the following update was received from Andrew Lee Jones-CHDC:
"I have asked a colleague to:
Review existing 40mph signing and replace as necessary.
Provide red patches with 40 roundels adjacent to the repeater signs.
Investigate the erection of a 40mph vehicle activated sign on the east bound direction-this will be subject to power being available.
Arrange for clearing vegetation from the footway and cut grass close to the crossing patrol.
I have also placed the request for the lower speed limit on our list of requests, which we will be reviewing shortly."
- 7**
- Clerk's computer/telephone expenses**
- 7.1 The Clerk distributed copies of an extract from "The guide to good employment practice in Local Councils" relating to home working & pensions.
Following receipt of more detailed information from Halc & Nalc this will be discussed in closed session at the next meeting.
- 8**
- Linton Pound**
- 8.1 The Clerk will contact Natural England with regards to grants available. The Clerk
- 9**
- Linton Quarry**
- 9.1 **Tree Maintenance**-The tree work approved at the last meeting was carried out on August 4th. The Clerk has received a request to purchase the timber for £50.00 and it was unanimously agreed to accept the offer.
- 9.2 The 5 year management plan has been produced by Forestry Operations and a copy has been e-mailed to all Cllrs. The Clerk will send a copy to Cllr Phil Page. The Clerk
- 9.4 **Champions Project**-The Clerk met with Jessica Donaldson (Earth Heritage Trust) and Kelda White (Natural England) at Linton Quarry on July 25th in order to discuss the progress being made with the Champions Project. The Clerk
- The newt survey has been undertaken together with an ecology survey.
- Kelda has since confirmed that there are some funds available for tree work and scrub clearance, although the exact amounts are to be finalised. Alan Davis from Forestry Operations has been asked to submit a quote for any remaining tree work required.
- Jessica is preparing a job description for a "Champion".
- The Clerk is collecting information regarding the history of the quarry.
- 10**
- Allotments**
- 10.1 **Maintenance**-The Clerk has obtained a quote from Greenthumb for spraying the weeds around the rabbit-proof fencing. It was agreed that the Clerk investigates if a combined grass & weed killer can be used and if so if it is safe for animals. The Clerk
- 11**
- Accounts, Treasurer's Report and Authorisation of Payment of Accounts**

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- 11.1 £750.00 has been transferred from Alliance & Leicester to Lloyds TSB to cover this month's payments. £950.00 will be transferred to cover cheque issued at meeting.
- 11.2 Proposed by Cllr Lin Billinger, seconded by Cllr Max Gough and approved unanimously, IT WAS AGREED to pay the following invoices and the cheques were duly signed.

AP486	Clerk's Salary for July 2008	285.00
AP487	Clerk's Expenses for July 2008	48.42
AP488	Gift for Internal Auditor	12.97
AP489	Data Protection Act Notification	35.00
AP490	Grass-cutting May 2008	100.00
AP491	Grass-cutting June 2008	100.00
AP492	Website Domain Name Renewal (2 yrs) + Hosting	163.33
AP493	Allotment Water from Jan to July 08	32.15
AP494	Tree Surgery	564.00
AP495	5yr management plan-Linton Quarry	340.75

- 11.3 The following income has been received since the last meeting:
- Alliance & Leicester Community Instant Reserve Interest of £35.13 July
 - Alliance & Leicester Community Instant Reserve Interest of £35.87 Aug
 - Lloyds TSB BIA Interest of 4p
 - Allotment Fees £41.00
 - Consolidated Stock interest 31p
- 11.4 D2362-A&L interest will be accrued only if funds in the Community Reserve Account remain over £4999.00.

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Working Party Reports

- 12.1 FOOTPATHS
- 12.1.1 It was agreed that discussion of the P3 footpath Scheme should be postponed until the new year as Richard Baker will be away for the next 3 months.
- 12.1.2 The Clerk was asked to contact Chris Gardiner-Footpaths Office at CHDC to get clarification of the rules regarding stiles and gates. A situation has arisen where there are two Marlow gates at either end of a footpath but a stile in the middle. The Clerk will ask if anything can or should be done with the stile.
- 12.1.3 The Footpaths Officer supplied an updated list of footpaths walked and their condition.
- 12.2 PLANNING
- 12.2.1 P236-DCSE2008/1510/F-Three storey rear (North West) extension, new detached double garage. Yew Tree Cottage, Linton. HR9 7RS. The following comments were made:
- This extension appears to be a very large extension attached to a previous extension. Our reading of the UDP indicates that to permit this development would be a departure from planning policy. If however you have decided that there are 'material considerations' which might allow you to grant planning permission, it is suggested that close examination of the site is made to establish the stability of the land and any necessary precautions that should be taken.
- 12.2.2 P237-DCSE2008/1515/G-Section 73 application for relaxation/variation of condition 4. Land at Hugh's Barn, Great Woodend Farm, Linton. HR9 7SR. The following comments were made:
- The condition as imposed in 2004 seemed reasonable and in line with planning policy. However if you consider that the reason for which it was imposed no longer exists, no

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doubt you will remove it. Without knowledge of all intervening correspondence etc. it is difficult to make sensible comment, other than problems seem to have existed for far too long! Permission granted on 23.07.08.

- 12.2.3 P238-DCSE2008/1876/F-Temporary planning permission for change of use of land in farmyard to accommodate a mobile home for farm worker and family. Pithouse Farm, Linton. HR9 7RT. D2376 objecting to the planning application was read out.

Linton Parish Council resolved to make the following comments: This site is a 'Small Holding' not a farm and has grazing land for a few animals. There is also a self contained annexe attached to the house which could temporarily house a farm worker and family. If you consider giving permission for this mobile home would be covered by Planning Policies H11 & H8 please ensure that you identify the special short term need of the applicant. This is an 'Area of Great Landscape Value' and near to a conservation area. A time limit should be specified and one mobile home must not be allowed to turn into a holiday caravan/caravans or into an excuse for building an agricultural dwelling for which there would be no justification.

13 Chairman's Announcements

- 13.1 Pauline Wood, former archivist of Linton & District History Society, has suggested that the CD produced by her & the late Bob Anderson, on behalf of the Society, should be entered on the Parish Council's website. The Councillors were supportive of this but had some concerns over the legality. Cllr Andrew Gardner will investigate.
- 13.2 Flicks in the sticks-Happy Go Lucky (Cert 15) Gorsley village hall on September 11th at 7:30pm.

Cllr Andrew Gardner

14 Correspondence

- 14.1 The following correspondence was tabled.

D2351	11/06/2008	Proposed stopping up order-land adjoining Revells Farm-Court date 14/7	CHDC
D2352	11/06/2008	Campaign to protect Rural England-AGM 21/6/08	CPRE
D2353	20/06/2008	Core Strategy-Developing Options Consultation	CHDC
D2354	11/06/2008	Data Protection Act 1998-Renewal	ICO
D2355	12/06/2008	Draft archaeology & development supplementary planning document	CHDC
D2356	13/06/2008	Parish planning & road safety	The Herefordshire Partnership
D2357	13/06/2008	Flooding & Water course maintenance	CHDC
D2358	14/06/2008	Parish Councillors-request for details to be updated	CHDC
D2359	20/06/2008	Confirmation re update to Insurance Policy	Community First
D2360	20/06/2008	Removal of 11 telephone boxes in Hfds by BT	CHDC
D2361	24/06/2008	G&K PC Minutes-May 8th 2008	G&KPC
D2362	25/06/2008	Community First interest only to be paid on balances of £5000+	Alliance & Leicester
D2363	25/06/2008	Leaflet-Herefordshire handyperson scheme	CHDC
D2364	25/06/2008	Leaflet-Herefordshire affordable warmth strategy	CHDC
D2365	25/06/2008	Standards in Local Government-annual report	CHDC
D2366	25/06/2008	Funding Directory-21st Edition June 2008	CHDC
D2367	25/06/2008	Clerks & Councils Direct	
D2368	29/06/2008	G&K PC Agenda-July 3rd 2008	G&KPC
D2369	03/07/2008	Extension to consultation date re BT telephone box removal	CHDC
D2370	03/07/2008	Letter from Paul Keetch re BT Phone box closure plans	
D2371	23/07/2008	Scrutiny review of the Hfds Council planning service	CHDC
D2372	23/07/2008	Grant funding/advice for Parish Plan Actions	CHDC
D2373	25/07/2008	Stagecoach Bus services 35, 35a and 835 to be retendered	CHDC
D2374	25/07/2008	Halc Southern Area Agenda-July 28th 2008	HALC
D2375	28/07/2008	G&K PC Planning Committee Agenda-July 28th 2008	G&KPC
D2376	02/08/2008	Letter objecting to planning application re Pithouse Farm, Linton	

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D2377	06/08/2008	Quote re perimeter weed treatments-Gorsley Allotments	Greenthumb
D2378	11/08/2008	Information Corner-08.08.08	HALC
D2379	11/08/2008	Halc affordable housing seminar-25.09.08	HALC
D2380	11/08/2008	Briefing Session-Are you breaking the code?-01.10.08	HALC
D2381	11/08/2008	Cross border event for Parish/Town Councils in England/Wales-Oct 15th	HALC
D2382	11/08/2008	Nalc-2008-9 Pay Negotiations	HALC
D2383	11/08/2008	Nalc-Policy & Parliamentary Briefing	HALC
D2384	11/08/2008	Democracy First-Halc telephone details	HALC

15 Councillors' Submissions, including Village Events

- 15.1 Cllr Andrew Gardner asked that meetings be held in accordance with the rules and that the public should not be allowed to speak unless they have been given permission by the Chair or at the allotted time on the agenda.
- 15.2 He asked if the Clerk could ask CHDC why diversion signs were still in place at the eastbound turning to Linton at Junction 3 of the M50.
- 15.3 Cllr Max Gough said that the Governors of Gorsley Goffs school had held a meeting in July. The Governor's Clerk is leaving and they are therefore looking for a new Clerk. A breakfast club is now in operation and proving to be very popular. A Gorsley football team has now been started.
- The Clerk

16 Public Submissions

- 16.1 Parishioner Hilary Blackmore asked if the Clerk could report a problem with poor visibility due to the trees that have been recently planted at Junction 3 on the M50.
- 16.2 The Clerk was asked to contact CHDC regarding the general cutting of hedges in the parish but particularly those along Quarry Lane.
- The Clerk

17 Items for Consideration at the Next Meeting

- 17.1 Standing Orders

18 Date of the Next Meeting

- 18.1 The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday September 8th at 7:30 pm in Linton Village Hall.

The Meeting Finished At 10:12 p.m.